GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POWER SHARING AGREEMENT
Chauhan Shri Nihal Chand;Singh Shri Dushyant

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the agreement signed between the State Government of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan on sharing of power generated in hydel power projects of Punjab;

(b) whether the share of Rajasthan has been finalized;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether steps are being taken by the Union Government to give Rajasthan its due share; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : An agreement was reached between the States of Punjab, Haryana & Rajasthan and Government of India on 10.5.1984 wherein it was agreed that in view of the claims raised by Haryana & Rajasthan to sharing of power in Anandpur Sahib Hydel Project, Mukerian Hydel Project, Thein Dam project, UBDC Stage-II and Shahpur Kandi Hydel Scheme, the Government of India shall refer the matter to the Hon`ble Supreme Court for its opinion. A reference was to be made the Hon`ble Supreme Court seeking its opinion whether the States of Rajasthan & Haryana are entitled to a share in the power generated from these Hydel schemes and in case they are, what would be the share of each State. It was agreed that the Supreme Court`s opinion obtained by Government of India shall be remitted to the signatory states and shall be binding on them.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) to (e) : In order to resolve the issue amicably, a number of formal and informal discussions have taken place since 1984. So far, no consensus has emerged due to divergent views. Further, consequent upon the enactment of the Punjab Termination of Agreements Act, 2004 by the Government of Punjab terminating all its agreements on sharing of water with the other States, Union Government has referred the matter to the Hon`ble Supreme Court for seeking its advice.